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SUMMARY: WE REVIEWED FORTHCOMING CCMS PLENARY WITH
BELGIAN COORDINATOR RENSON APRIL 20. RENSON FORESEES PRODUCTIVE
SESSION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS HIS SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. AGENDA ITEM I- ROUND TABLE. WE PROVIDED TEXT OF PLANNED US
ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION (REFTELS C AND D)
TO RENSON. HE READ IT AND SAID HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH IT.
HE COMMENTED THAT SECTION ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL WOULD HIT
THE BRITISH HARD,BUT THAT HE THOUGHT IT USEFUL AND THAT U.S.
POSITION WAS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH EC POSITION TO WHICH BELGIUM
SUBSCRIBES.

2. AGENDA ITEM II- FOLLOW-UP REPORTS CANADIANS HAVE
PROPOSED SOMED MINOR CHANGES IN LANGUAGE TO DE COSTER/
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GREGORY ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY FINAL REPORT.

BELGIANS WILL STICK WITH FINAL REPORT AS PREPARED.

3. AGENDA ITEM III - PROPOSED NEW PILOT STUDIES.

(A) BELGIUM WILL FULLY SUPPORT NEW FRENCH PILOT STUDY ON TELEDETECTIO OF MARINE POLLUTION. BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN PILOT STUDY WILL REMAIN OPEN QUESTION UNTIL SCHEDULED OCTOBER 1976 BELGIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING DECIDES ON FORM OF NEW BELGIAN OCEANOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION.

(B) BELGIAN EXPERTS HAVE NOT YET REACTED TO U.S. PROPOSED NEW PILOT STUDY ON FLUE GAS DESULPHURIZATION WHICH IS STILL UNDER STUDY.

4. AGENDA ITEM IV - PROGRESS OF PILOT STUDIES.

(A) ADVANCED HEALTH CARE. BELGIUM HAS FINAL REPORT AND FORESEES NO PROBLEMS. (B) ROAD SAFETY NO ISSUE.

(C) URBAN TRANSPORTATION. BELGIUM RECEIVED BRITISH LED BUS PRIORITY SYSTEMS PROJECT REPORT APRIL 20.

NO PROBLEMS FORESEEN IN THIS FAMILY OF RELATED PROJECTS.

(D) ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT. BELGIUM INTERESTED AND PLANS TO SEND THREE EXPERTS TO MAY MEETING IN DUNKIRK. (E) DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES.

BELGIUM (JEAN VAN MEDACTS) WILL PRESENT REPORT ON MINE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES. (F) SOLAR ENERGY,

(G) GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND (H) RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY.

BELGIUM FOLLOWS THESE PROJECTS WITH INTEREST. BUT CANNOT BE COUNTED ON TO PARTICIPATE. (I) AIR POLLUTION ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND MODELLING. BELGIUM, WHICH SENT TWO EXPERTS TO MARCH 29-31 VENICE MEETING, WILL PROPOSE SEPTEMBER 1977 MEETING IN GHENT (MODELLING SYMPOSIUM) Q AND AT LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE (WORKING GROUP).

SWITCH IN SITES IS DUE TO LACK OF SPACE FOR MORE THAN

50 PERSONS AT LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE. (J) AUTOMOTIVE PROPULSION SYSTEMS (LPPSD). NO BELGIAN INTEREST.

(K) NUTRITION AND HEALTH. BELGIANS ARE VERY CAUTIOUS ON CANADIAN PROPOSED PILOT STUDY OF BASICALLY POLITICAL

REASONS THEY NOTE THAT NUTRITION AND HEALTH FIELD IS NOT AS DEVELOPED IN BELGIUM OR EUROPE AS IN THE U.S. AND CANADA.

THEY BELIEVE MAIN PROBLEM IN THIS AREA IN EUROPE IS THAT OF OVER-EATING LEADING TO OBESITY. AS PROBLEM IS LACK OF ADEQUATE FOOD LEADING TO MALNUTRITION IN MUCH OF THE THIRD WORLD, BELGIANS BELIEVE EUROPEANS WILL HESITATE TO JOIN IN CANADIAN PROPOSED STUDY WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD SERVE TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENCE. BELGIUM IS INTERESTED IN THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL, BUT DOUBTS THAT IT WILL GATHER MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

5. AGENDA ITEM V - ANY OTHER BUSINESS. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, BASED ON BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, BELGIUM OPPOSES PLENARY MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS.

BELGIUM WILL NOT OPPOSE, BUT WILL NOT SUPPORT FRC PROPOSAL

TO HOLD 1977 CCMS SPRING PLENARY IN DUSSELDORF.

6. AGENDA ITEM VI - AUTUMN PLENARY SESSION.

OCTOBER 12-13 DATES FOR FALL 1976 CCMS PLENARY AT NATO
HEADQUARTERS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND BELGIUM WILL SUPPORT.

7. BELGIANS PROMISED TO FURNISH US WITH FINAL LIST
OF THEIR DELEGATION TO APRIL CCMS PLENARY NO LATER THAN
APRIL 22. WILL SEND WHEN RECEIVED.
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